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I write, once again, to alert you and the members of the Security Council to the dangerous and destabilizing actions taken by Hizbullah, the internationally recognized terrorist organization that serves as an Iranian proxy in our region.

On 28 January 2018, uniformed and armed members of Hizbullah accompanied a senior Iranian official, Ebrahim Raisi, as he visited the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) area of operation in close proximity to the Blue Line. A photograph of this visit, which was circulated on social media, shows Raisi inspecting Hizbullah military emplacements, where he reportedly stated that "thanks to Hizbullah and the Resistance Movement, Palestine has been able to stand up to the Zionist regime" and predicted "the imminent liberation of Jerusalem".

Prior to his visit to the Blue Line, Raisi met with Lebanese officials and the leader of Hizbullah, Hassan Nasrallah, and called for strengthening the "axis of resistance" — Iran, Lebanon and other forces — in its stand against the main enemy, "the Zionist regime".

This instance is the most recent in a series of visits conducted by uniformed and armed members of Hizbullah to the Blue Line and its immediate proximity — regions that fall under UNIFIL's area of operation. It is part of an alarming and dangerous trend that we have observed since heavily armed members of Hizbullah conducted a visit on 20 April 2017 along the Lebanese side of the Blue Line, as was detailed in our letter of 25 April 2017 (S/2017/356).

In addition, on 12 December 2017, we informed the President of the Security Council of a visit to the Blue Line and inflammatory statements made by a commander of the Shiite Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq militia, Qais al-Khazali, together with members of Hizbullah (S/2017/1043). Several weeks later, a commander of the Syrian Shiite militia Liwa al-Baqir, which operates under Iran's direction and supports the Assad regime, visited the Blue Line in full military uniform and threatened, "We are at Israel's border, and the day is nearing that we shall break down this border!".

These visits are just a few known examples that correspond to the messages heard in Hizbullah leader Hassan Nasrallah's speech of 23 June 2017, in which he stated that the next war with Israel could see "thousands, even hundreds of thousands, of fighters from all over the Arab and Islamic world ... participate — from Iraq, Yemen, Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan".

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While these documented violations by Hizbullah of Security Council resolutions 1701 (2006) and 1559 (2004) continue unabated, and despite numerous warnings issued by Israel, we have yet to see any response from UNIFIL. In accordance with resolutions 1701 (2006) and 2373 (2017), Israel expects the United Nations to uphold its responsibilities by reporting and investigating these violations and reporting promptly on action taken to prevent their recurrence. Israel also urges the Security Council and the Secretary-General to call upon the Lebanese Government to put an immediate end to all such violations.

This visit by Raisi and these other instances are not only blatant violations of Security Council resolutions, but are also further proof of Iranian attempts to destabilize our entire region. These Iranian efforts not only threaten Israelis, but also directly endanger the citizens of Lebanon by putting them on the front lines, where they are sure to pay a painful price resulting from possible future escalations.

A comprehensive list of Lebanese violations of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), as well as other breaches of Israeli sovereignty, during the months of October, November and December 2017, is detailed in annexes I to III to the present letter.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Danny **Danon**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex I to the identical letters dated 5 February 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Lebanese violations as reported by the Israel Defense Forces, October 2017

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
1	1 October	0602	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
2	1 October	0730	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
3	1 October	0835	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 71 (1)
4	1 October	1140	One person was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
5	1 October	1310	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17 (1)
6	1 October	1450	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 29 (2)
7	1 October	1601	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP AOP
8	1 October	1731	Four armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 12/1
9	1 October	1756	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 52–2
10	1 October	1828	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 52–2
11	1 October	1950	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
12	1 October	2241	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
13	2 October	0655	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 68 (1)
14	2 October	0835	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
15	2 October	0944	Three civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP PROP
16	2 October	0946	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
17	2 October	1039	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 32 (4)
18	2 October	1146	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–7 C
19	2 October	1149	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 2
20	2 October	1154	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 32 (4)

Abbreviations: AOP, alternate observation post; AP, additional point; B, barrel; BP, boundary pillar; M, point on the Blue Line (marked after 2000); recce, reconnaissance; TP, technical post; UNP, United Nations post.

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
21	2 October	1220	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 69 (1)
22	2 October	1610	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AOP 3
23	2 October	1645	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AP 233
24	3 October	0925	12 Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 53
25	3 October	1000	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 59
26	3 October	1100	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
27	3 October	1114	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
28	3 October	1200	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 264
29	3 October	1324	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66 (2)
30	3 October	1324	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
31	4 October	1052	Eight Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
32	4 October	1053	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17
33	4 October	1103	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 8/1 (1)
34	4 October	1214	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
35	4 October	1412	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17 (1)
36	4 October	1450	12 Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 31
37	4 October	1507	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 23 (1)
38	4 October	1515	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
39	5 October	0633	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66 (2)
40	5 October	1108	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 12
41	5 October	1218	Two men were observed throwing stones at the technical fence in the vicinity of BP 10/1
42	5 October	1245	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of UNP 6–50
43	5 October	1259	Two persons were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–7 C

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
44	5 October	1325	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 30
45	5 October	1436	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 23 (1)
46	5 October	1450	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 32
47	6 October	1015	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66 (2)
48	6 October	1045	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
49	6 October	1147	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
50	6 October	1404	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
51	6 October	1445	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 65
52	6 October	1610	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
53	6 October	1700	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 23 (1)
54	7 October	0653	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
55	7 October	0717	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
56	7 October	0915	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 21 (2)
57	7 October	0922	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
58	7 October	0922	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 11 (1)
59	7 October	0954	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 4
60	7 October	1218	Seven Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 71 (2)
61	7 October	1232	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 2
62	7 October	1359	Two persons were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
63	7 October	1542	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17
64	7 October	1617	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 2
65	7 October	1625	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of BP 17
66	7 October	1652	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 30 (1)
67	7 October	1737	Nine Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 94

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
68	7 October	2340	Three men were observed throwing stones at the technical fence in the vicinity of AOP PANO
69	8 October	0711	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 20 (4)
70	8 October	0837	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 75 (1)
71	8 October	1119	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 52 (3)
72	8 October	1402	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 31 (1)
73	8 October	1415	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 2
74	8 October	1630	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 93
75	8 October	1640	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 2
76	8 October	1742	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 52
77	9 October	0753	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
78	9 October	0802	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
79	9 October	0841	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
80	9 October	1053	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 42
81	9 October	1058	Six armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
82	9 October	1336	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
83	9 October	1520	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13
84	9 October	1629	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
85	9 October	1737	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of AOP B 67
86	9 October	2053	Six men were observed throwing stones at the technical fence in the vicinity of AOP PANO
87	9 October	2205	Four armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
88	10 October	0820	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 75 (1)
89	10 October	0848	Seven Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 78
90	10 October	0945	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
91	10 October	1209	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 264
92	10 October	1416	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
93	10 October	1427	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
94	10 October	1443	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 28
95	10 October	1458	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AOP 6
96	10 October	2120	Seven persons were observed throwing rocks towards the technical fence in the vicinity of TP 37 (1)
97	11 October	0630	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
98	11 October	0637	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
99	11 October	0840	Six Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 45–1
100	11 October	0951	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
101	11 October	1000	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
102	11 October	1026	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
103	11 October	1229	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–7 C
104	11 October	1254	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 19
105	11 October	1344	Seven Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 73 (1)
106	11 October	1430	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of TP 16
107	11 October	1530	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 10/1
108	11 October	1731	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
109	11 October	1805	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 12/1
110	12 October	0731	Seven Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 65
111	12 October	0735	Four civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
112	12 October	1036	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 3

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
113	12 October	1056	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
114	12 October	1123	Four civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 6
115	12 October	1312	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
116	12 October	1409	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
117	12 October	1650	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
118	12 October	1705	Seven Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 64
119	12 October	2248	Three persons were observed throwing rocks towards the technical fence in the vicinity of TP 37 (1)
120	12 October	2335	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
121	13 October	0943	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of M 6
122	13 October	1009	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
123	13 October	1124	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 28
124	13 October	1221	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
125	13 October	2322	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
126	14 October	0630	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
127	14 October	0700	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of AOP B 68
128	14 October	0832	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of AOP 10
129	14 October	0836	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of AP 233
130	14 October	0910	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
131	14 October	0953	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
132	14 October	1145	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
133	14 October	1204	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP PROP
134	14 October	1415	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 30
135	14 October	1448	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
136	14 October	1503	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 4
137	14 October	1610	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 30

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
138	14 October	1647	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 13
139	14 October	1715	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AP 235
140	14 October	2301	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
141	15 October	0234	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
142	15 October	0700	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 68 (1)
143	15 October	0837	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
144	15 October	1208	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP PROP
145	15 October	1647	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 54 (1)
146	15 October	1703	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 8/1 (1)
147	15 October	1719	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 52 (2)
148	16 October	0920	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66 (1) A
149	16 October	1026	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 4
150	16 October	1101	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
151	16 October	1101	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 15
152	16 October	1103	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17
153	16 October	1145	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17
154	16 October	1203	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 23 (1)
155	16 October	1430	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 26–1
156	16 October	1605	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
157	16 October	1814	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13–1
158	16 October	2325	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
159	17 October	0903	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
160	17 October	1018	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 418
161	17 October	1047	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 37/2

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162	17 October	1055	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 64
163	17 October	1233	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 264
164	17 October	1300	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3 A
165	17 October	1400	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3 A
166	17 October	1406	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 33
167	17 October	1442	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 418
168	17 October	1500	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3A
169	18 October	0835	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
170	18 October	0941	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 11 (2)
171	18 October	1053	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 31
172	18 October	1331	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AOPBastrah
173	18 October	1338	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 69
174	18 October	1408	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 63
175	18 October	1500	Seven Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33 (B)
176	18 October	1502	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 23 (1)
177	18 October	1550	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 37 (1)
178	18 October	1710	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AP 235
179	19 October	0740	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
180	19 October	0859	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
181	19 October	1021	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 11
182	19 October	1225	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17 (1)

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
183	19 October	1246	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AOP 3
184	19 October	1335	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AOP 3
185	19 October	1343	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17 (1)
186	19 October	1730	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
187	20 October	0330	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
188	20 October	0619	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
189	20 October	0850	Nine Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of M 6
190	20 October	0852	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–31
191	20 October	0926	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
192	20 October	1046	Six Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 74
193	20 October	1244	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AOP 3
194	20 October	1515	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 10/2 (2)
195	20 October	1644	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP PROP
196	21 October	0635	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
197	21 October	1132	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP PROP
198	22 October	0835	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 65
199	22 October	1216	Four civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 59
200	22 October	1823	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
201	23 October	0640	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
202	23 October	1030	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 2
203	23 October	1030	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 48
204	23 October	1212	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP PROP
205	23 October	1430	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
206	23 October	1430	Five Hizbullah militants were observed shouting at and threatening the Israel Defense Forces south of the Blue Line in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
207	24 October	0945	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 12/1
208	24 October	0953	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 38 (2)
209	24 October	1156	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
210	24 October	1157	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 38 (2)
211	24 October	1310	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 32
212	24 October	1356	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 64 (1)
213	24 October	1401	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–7 C
214	24 October	1444	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 21
215	24 October	1600	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
216	24 October	1722	Nine Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 64 (1)
217	25 October	0615	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
218	25 October	1100	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33 (1)
219	25 October	1307	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 38 (1)
220	25 October	1345	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
221	25 October	1448	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3 A
222	25 October	1610	Seven Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33 (B)
223	25 October	1625	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 52 (2)
224	25 October	1812	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 30
225	26 October	0632	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
226	26 October	1017	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–34

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
227	26 October	1043	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 4
228	26 October	1133	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 5–67 (1)
229	26 October	1212	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
230	26 October	1313	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
231	26 October	1405	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
232	27 October	0955	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
233	27 October	1302	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 42
234	27 October	1353	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 51
235	27 October	1400	One man was observed throwing stones at the technical fence in the vicinity of B 51
236	27 October	1456	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 7
237	27 October	1515	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3 A
238	27 October	1525	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 31 (1)
239	27 October	1646	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 52 (1)
240	27 October	1651	Six Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 34
241	27 October	1652	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 11 (3)
242	27 October	1656	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of TP 36 (2)
243	27 October	1929	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
244	28 October	1036	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 6
245	28 October	1056	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3 A
246	28 October	1520	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 74 (B)
247	28 October	1532	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
248	28 October	1625	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 47 (1)

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
249	28 October	1638	Six Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 52
250	28 October	1639	Seven armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 28
251	28 October	1733	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
252	28 October	1806	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 11 (3)
253	29 October	0539	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
254	29 October	0542	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 12
255	29 October	0758	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 74 (B)
256	29 October	0813	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 52 (2)
257	29 October	0907	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 69 (1)
258	29 October	0920	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 74 (B)
259	29 October	0934	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
260	29 October	1033	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
261	29 October	1117	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
262	29 October	1418	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 31 (2)
263	29 October	1437	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
264	29 October	1441	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
265	29 October	1504	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 30
266	29 October	1650	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 54
267	29 October	1658	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 22 (3)
268	29 October	1730	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 30
269	30 October	0905	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 65
270	30 October	1056	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
271	30 October	1212	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
272	30 October	1305	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 2
273	30 October	1447	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
274	30 October	1532	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP B 52 (1)

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
275	30 October	1546	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
276	30 October	2203	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 30
277	31 October	0800	Six Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
278	31 October	0934	Five Hizbullah militants were observed shouting at and threatening the Israel Defense Forces south of the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 43 (1)
279	31 October	1709	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)

Annex II to the identical letters dated 5 February 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Lebanese violations as reported by the Israel Defense Forces, November 2017

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
1	1 November	1321	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
2	1 November	1348	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 31 (1)
3	1 November	1455	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of TP 37 (1)
4	1 November	1519	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
5	1 November	1539	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
6	1 November	1541	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 23 (1)
7	1 November	1613	Four armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 17
8	1 November	2306	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17
9	2 November	0614	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
10	2 November	1125	Seven Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 53
11	2 November	1240	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
12	2 November	2331	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP13 (1)
13	3 November	0733	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
14	3 November	1051	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
15	3 November	1135	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity ofUNP 4–34
16	3 November	1240	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33 (B)
17	3 November	1252	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 66 (1) A
18	3 November	1327	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 4

Abbreviations: AOP, alternate observation post; AP, additional point; B, barrel; BP, boundary pillar; M, point on the Blue Line (marked after 2000); recce, reconnaissance; TP, technical post; UNP, United Nations post.

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
19	3 November	1357	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 12/1
20	3 November	1555	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
21	3 November	1602	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 28
22	3 November	1625	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
23	4 November	0526	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
24	4 November	0845	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 59 (1)
25	4 November	0850	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 31 (2)
26	4 November	0900	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 6
27	4 November	0905	Six Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 46
28	4 November	0955	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
29	4 November	1120	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
30	4 November	1157	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
31	4 November	1200	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
32	4 November	1201	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of TP 35 (1)
33	4 November	1225	One Hizbullah militant was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP TP 35 (1)
34	4 November	1347	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of AP 243
35	4 November	1350	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 4
36	4 November	1434	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3 A
37	4 November	1441	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 52 (2)
38	4 November	1500	Three Hizbullah militants were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 4
39	5 November	0256	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
40	5 November	0437	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
41	5 November	0657	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
42	5 November	1023	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 50
43	5 November	1111	Five armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 8/1 (1)
44	5 November	1111	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 31 (1)

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
45	5 November	1242	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 51
46	5 November	1253	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
47	5 November	1528	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
48	5 November	1530	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 31 (2)
49	5 November	1620	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of TP 36 (1)
50	6 November	0529	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
51	6 November	0611	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 32 (2)
52	6 November	0613	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 8/1 (1)
53	6 November	0731	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 30
54	6 November	0927	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
55	6 November	0957	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 2
56	6 November	1132	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
57	6 November	1133	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
58	6 November	1303	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
59	6 November	1304	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
60	6 November	1330	Three Hizbullah militants were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of BP 13
61	6 November	1341	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
62	6 November	1407	Three Hizbullah militants were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 35 (1)
63	6 November	1550	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
64	7 November	0923	Six armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 38
65	7 November	1000	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 30 (1)
66	7 November	1030	Three Hizbullah militants were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 6
67	7 November	1036	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 30
68	7 November	1115	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 264

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
69	7 November	1220	Three Hizbullah militants were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 56
70	7 November	1405	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of TP 36 (2)
71	7 November	1546	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 11 (3)
72	7 November	1617	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 11 (3)
73	7 November	1618	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
74	8 November	0644	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–31
75	8 November	0647	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
76	8 November	0831	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 74 (1)
77	8 November	0832	Eight Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 23 (2)
78	8 November	1333	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of TP 36 (2)
79	8 November	1406	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of TP 35 (1)
80	8 November	1431	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of AOP 3
81	8 November	1442	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 35 (2)
82	8 November	1502	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of PCKP 1
83	8 November	1507	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
84	8 November	1536	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33 (B)
85	8 November	1645	Five armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 30
86	8 November	1703	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
87	9 November	0542	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
88	9 November	0620	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 29
89	9 November	0930	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 30
90	9 November	1447	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 11 (1)
91	9 November	1502	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
92	9 November	1540	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of TP 36
93	9 November	1630	Four civilians were observed throwing stones towards the technical fence in the vicinity of BP 31
94	10 November	0610	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 38 (3)
95	10 November	0630	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of TP 37 (2)
96	10 November	0803	Three civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 60
97	10 November	0941	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 13
98	10 November	0952	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
99	10 November	1112	Eight civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 4
100	10 November	1157	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 53 (1)
101	10 November	1345	Eight Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of UNP 4–31
102	10 November	1432	Eight Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
103	10 November	1535	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
104	10 November	1542	Five armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 32 (1)
105	11 November	0850	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 74 (1)
106	11 November	0918	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of BP 15
107	11 November	0939	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 31 (1)
108	11 November	1020	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 15
109	11 November	1126	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 10/1
110	11 November	1158	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 59 (1)
111	11 November	1304	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 52 (2)
112	11 November	1305	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 18 (1)
113	11 November	1354	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 65
114	11 November	1354	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 65
115	11 November	1525	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
116	11 November	1558	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
117	11 November	1635	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
118	12 November	0617	Four armed men were observed in the vicinity of TP 37 (2)
119	12 November	0622	Six armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
120	12 November	0703	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66
121	12 November	0859	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 30
122	12 November	0947	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 59
123	12 November	1039	Three civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 13
124	12 November	1305	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 31
125	12 November	1335	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 18 (1)
126	12 November	1523	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 52 (2)
127	12 November	1543	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 20 (3)
128	12 November	1556	Three civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of PCKP 1
129	12 November	1650	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 30
130	13 November	0944	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 59 (1)
131	13 November	1042	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 18 (1)
132	13 November	1046	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 5 (1)
133	13 November	1116	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 66 (1) A
134	13 November	1123	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 2
135	13 November	1128	One civilian was observed throwing stones towards the technical fence in the vicinity of AOP FLAG
136	13 November	1441	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 4
137	13 November	1515	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of TP 35 (1)
138	13 November	1525	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
139	13 November	1544	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
140	13 November	1550	Eight Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 27
141	13 November	1554	Seven Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 66
142	14 November	1058	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–7 C

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
143	14 November	1124	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 35 (1)
144	14 November	1131	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17
145	14 November	1209	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 5 (1)
146	14 November	1303	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 23 (1)
147	14 November	1454	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17 (1)
148	14 November	1500	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
149	14 November	1529	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
150	14 November	1553	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
151	15 November	0600	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
152	15 November	0959	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP OLD HELI
153	15 November	1139	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 71
154	15 November	1254	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 31 (1)
155	15 November	1335	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33 (B)
156	15 November	1556	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
157	15 November	1628	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
158	16 November	0101	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of Wazzani River
159	16 November	0708	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
160	16 November	0743	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
161	16 November	0843	Seven Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 44
162	16 November	0951	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
163	16 November	1005	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 3
164	16 November	1128	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
165	16 November	1400	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 59 (1)

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
166	16 November	1400	Three civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 59 (1)
167	16 November	1458	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
168	16 November	1506	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
169	17 November	0736	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
170	17 November	0828	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
171	17 November	1048	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 20 (2)
172	17 November	1527	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
173	17 November	1550	Seven Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of TP 35 (2)
174	18 November	0643	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
175	18 November	0700	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
176	18 November	0720	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
177	18 November	0925	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
178	18 November	1115	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of TP 16
179	18 November	1135	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
180	18 November	1200	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
181	18 November	1330	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17
182	18 November	1335	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
183	18 November	1412	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 74 (B)
184	18 November	1425	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 31 (1)
185	18 November	1505	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
186	19 November	0638	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
187	19 November	0639	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
188	19 November	0644	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
189	19 November	0723	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 31
190	19 November	0839	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
191	19 November	1006	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
192	19 November	1054	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
193	19 November	1245	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 74 (B)
194	19 November	1352	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
195	19 November	1505	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66 (2)
196	19 November	1643	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 30
197	20 November	0750	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
198	20 November	0844	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 30
199	20 November	1027	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
200	20 November	1120	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 15 (2)
201	20 November	1135	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 82
202	20 November	1255	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 5
203	20 November	1440	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 30
204	20 November	1442	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 20
205	20 November	1443	Two civilians were observed throwing stones towards the technical fence in the vicinity of BP 30
206	20 November	1450	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 30
207	20 November	1522	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 19 (1)
208	20 November	2057	Five armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
209	20 November	2100	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AOP 10
210	21 November	1253	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 264
211	21 November	1310	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 58 (1)
212	21 November	1315	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
213	21 November	1352	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 34 (1)
214	21 November	1531	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 76 (1)
215	21 November	1625	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 32
216	22 November	0847	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 65
217	22 November	1000	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 31 (1)

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
218	22 November	1159	Five armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
219	22 November	1232	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 71 (1)
220	22 November	1326	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
221	22 November	1410	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 59
222	22 November	1514	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 30
223	22 November	1615	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 57
224	22 November	1615	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
225	22 November	2133	Seven armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
226	23 November	0855	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
227	23 November	1038	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
228	23 November	1055	Three civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–28
229	23 November	1202	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 7/1
230	23 November	1214	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 388
231	23 November	1407	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 18 (2)
232	23 November	1425	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
233	23 November	1508	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
234	23 November	1545	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of TP 36 (1)
235	23 November	1617	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of AOP 8
236	24 November	0902	Three civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–28
237	24 November	1102	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 59 (1)
238	24 November	1226	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AP 235
239	24 November	1235	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
240	24 November	1315	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 75 (1)
241	24 November	1331	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33 (1)

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
242	24 November	1354	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of TP 16
243	24 November	1520	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 12
244	24 November	1548	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 31
245	24 November	1627	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 33
246	24 November	1704	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
247	25 November	0632	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
248	25 November	0851	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AOP 12
249	25 November	0854	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 31 (1)
250	25 November	1017	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 30
251	25 November	1055	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 6
252	25 November	1105	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 64
253	25 November	1110	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–28
254	25 November	1113	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 30
255	25 November	1308	Four armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 8/1 (1)
256	25 November	1402	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66 (2)
257	25 November	1524	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 52 (3)
258	25 November	1727	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
259	26 November	0629	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
260	26 November	0655	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 84
261	26 November	0726	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 52 (2)
262	26 November	0733	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
263	26 November	0807	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 30
264	26 November	0810	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 67
265	26 November	0810	Four armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 31 (1)
266	26 November	0840	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 74 (B)
267	26 November	0857	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
268	26 November	0923	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 37 (1)
269	26 November	0947	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
270	26 November	1107	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 30
271	26 November	1122	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 32
272	26 November	1315	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66 (1)
273	26 November	1319	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 59 (1)
274	26 November	1438	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of AOP 6
275	26 November	1602	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 23 (1)
276	26 November	1614	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
277	26 November	2112	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AOP 10
278	27 November	0931	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
279	27 November	1053	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17 (1)
280	27 November	1230	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66 (2)
281	27 November	1304	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
282	27 November	1343	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66 (2)
283	27 November	1439	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 4
284	27 November	1641	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 30
285	28 November	0747	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 21 (1)
286	28 November	0800	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AOP 8
287	28 November	0822	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 30
288	28 November	0858	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
289	28 November	1048	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of M 6
290	28 November	1227	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 264
291	28 November	1253	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AOP 6
292	28 November	1353	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
293	28 November	1425	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of TP 16
294	28 November	1427	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 30

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
295	28 November	1445	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of M 7
296	28 November	1515	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
297	28 November	2121	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
298	29 November	1055	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66 (2)
299	29 November	1142	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 32
300	29 November	1146	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
301	29 November	1307	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 75
302	29 November	1345	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 32
303	29 November	1637	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
304	29 November	1652	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
305	29 November	2200	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
306	30 November	0733	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66
307	30 November	0820	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 33 (3)
308	30 November	0848	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 46
309	30 November	0931	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 32
310	30 November	1215	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 65
311	30 November	1330	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 59
312	30 November	1345	Four persons were observed throwing rocks towards Israel in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
313	30 November	1354	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 7
314	30 November	1400	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 74 (1)
315	30 November	1411	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 5
316	30 November	1425	Seven Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33 (B)
317	30 November	1440	Four persons were observed throwing rocks towards Israel in the vicinity of M 4
318	30 November	1534	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
319	30 November	2215	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34

Annex III to the identical letters dated 5 February 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Lebanese violations as reported by the Israel Defense Forces, December 2017

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
1	1 December	0649	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 47
2	1 December	0725	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 20 (2)
3	1 December	0807	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 33
4	1 December	0840	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66 (2)
5	1 December	0955	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 34 (1)
6	1 December	1230	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of TP 37
7	1 December	1310	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17
8	1 December	1311	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 47 (1)
9	1 December	1410	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
10	1 December	1550	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 31 (1)
11	1 December	1601	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 52 (1)
12	1 December	2304	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 45 (1)
13	2 December	0604	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 12
14	2 December	0735	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 61 (2)
15	2 December	0800	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66 (2)
16	2 December	0804	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 83 (1)
17	2 December	0810	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 64 (1)
18	2 December	0840	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 31 (2)
19	2 December	0845	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66
20	2 December	0850	Six Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 22 (2)
21	2 December	1120	Three civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP OLD HELI

Abbreviations: AOP, alternate observation post; AP, additional point; B, barrel; BP, boundary pillar; M, point on the Blue Line (marked after 2000); recce, reconnaissance; TP, technical post; UNP, United Nations post.

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
22	2 December	1128	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP OLD HELI
23	2 December	1258	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 37 (1)
24	2 December	1258	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 37 (1)
25	2 December	1344	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 422
26	2 December	1406	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
27	2 December	1414	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 30
28	2 December	1505	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AOP B 67
29	2 December	1518	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33 (B)
30	2 December	1538	Four armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
31	3 December	0600	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 89 (1)
32	3 December	0607	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
33	3 December	0650	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
34	3 December	0730	Four armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
35	3 December	0755	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
36	3 December	0803	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
37	3 December	0840	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66 (1) A
38	3 December	0855	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66 (1) A
39	3 December	1015	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 75 (1)
40	3 December	1037	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
41	3 December	1054	10 persons were observed throwing rocks towards Israel in the vicinity of AOP PANO
42	3 December	1054	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of BP 11 (3)
43	3 December	1133	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
44	3 December	1416	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 5 CHEB
45	3 December	1614	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 77

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
46	3 December	2210	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
47	3 December	2210	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of Ghajar
48	4 December	0700	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 37 (2)
49	4 December	1100	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 8/1 (1)
50	4 December	1120	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of TP 16
51	4 December	1405	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 23 (1)
52	4 December	1428	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 30
53	4 December	1540	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 2 (2)
54	4 December	1630	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 23 (1)
55	4 December	1637	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 11 (3)
56	4 December	1645	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
57	4 December	2211	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
58	5 December	0721	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 8/1 (1)
59	5 December	0748	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 47
60	5 December	0750	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66 (2)
61	5 December	0837	Four armed men were observed in the vicinity of AP 235
62	5 December	0940	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 95 (2)
63	5 December	1010	Eight Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17 (1)
64	5 December	1045	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 64 (1)
65	5 December	1127	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AOP 6 Bastrah
66	5 December	1138	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
67	5 December	1226	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 264
68	5 December	1245	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 56 (1)
69	5 December	1248	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 32
70	5 December	1421	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
71	5 December	1536	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 63
72	5 December	1559	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of UNP 4–7 C
73	5 December	2154	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
74	6 December	0846	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 59 (1)
75	6 December	1035	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 8/1 (2)
76	6 December	1134	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 74 (B)
77	6 December	1241	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 21 (2)
78	6 December	1314	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17
79	6 December	1502	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 31
80	6 December	1622	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 20 (4)
81	6 December	2233	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
82	7 December	0714	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
83	7 December	0802	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 19 (1)
84	7 December	0955	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 28 (3)
85	7 December	1030	One civilian was observed crossing the UNP 4–28
86	7 December	1050	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 64
87	7 December	1100	Four armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 59 (2)
88	7 December	1102	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 30
89	7 December	1130	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 59
90	7 December	1340	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 74 (B)
91	7 December	1421	Seven Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of TP 35
92	7 December	1435	Three civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
93	7 December	1653	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 84
94	8 December	0744	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–28
95	8 December	0857	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 77

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
96	8 December	1015	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 59 (1)
97	8 December	1205	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 59
98	8 December	1240	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17–1
99	8 December	1246	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 30–1
100	8 December	1320	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 65
101	8 December	1325	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of M 6
102	8 December	1526	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP B 66
103	8 December	1545	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 30–1
104	8 December	1605	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
105	8 December	1617	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 30–1
106	8 December	1655	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 83
107	8 December	1659	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 12 (1)
108	8 December	2333	Three civilians were observed throwing stones over the fence in the vicinity of TP 37 (1)
109	9 December	0644	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of AOP 3
110	9 December	0705	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
111	9 December	0809	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66 (2)
112	9 December	0815	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–28
113	9 December	0849	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 21 (2)
114	9 December	0900	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 74 (B)
115	9 December	0923	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66
116	9 December	0939	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 46
117	9 December	1115	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of UNP 6–50
118	9 December	1156	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–31
119	9 December	1254	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33 (1)
120	9 December	1338	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 12
121	9 December	1339	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 22 (3)

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122	9 December	1642	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
123	9 December	2024	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AOP 10
124	10 December	0615	Four armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 37/2
125	10 December	0745	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
126	10 December	0853	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of AOP 8
127	10 December	0900	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 67
128	10 December	0943	10 Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 11 (3)
129	10 December	0948	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AOP 6
130	10 December	1255	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 74 (1)
131	10 December	1315	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 58 (1)
132	10 December	1355	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 58 (1)
133	10 December	1440	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 13 (2)
134	10 December	1615	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
135	11 December	0725	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 38 (4)
136	11 December	0858	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
137	11 December	0906	10 Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 18 EDGE
138	11 December	1101	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
139	11 December	1139	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 243
140	11 December	1147	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
141	11 December	1310	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66
142	11 December	1327	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33 (B)
143	11 December	1439	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 11 (3)
144	11 December	1550	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 82 (2)
145	11 December	2124	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
146	11 December	2128	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AOP 10

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
147	12 December	0702	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of AP 562
148	12 December	0730	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 13
149	12 December	0835	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 72 (1)
150	12 December	0855	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 31
151	12 December	1003	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33 (1)
152	12 December	1006	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 5 CHEB
153	12 December	1100	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 15
154	12 December	1238	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AOP 3
155	12 December	1240	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 44 (2)
156	12 December	1320	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 74 (1)
157	12 December	1343	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 58 (1)
158	12 December	1448	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 34
159	12 December	1612	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
160	12 December	1620	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of TP 37
161	13 December	0859	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
162	13 December	1038	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 11 (3)
163	13 December	1122	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 233
164	13 December	1200	Six Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 23 (1)
165	13 December	1311	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 19
166	13 December	1335	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 8/1 (1)
167	13 December	1350	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 11 (3)
168	13 December	1442	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
169	13 December	1514	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17
170	13 December	1553	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66 (2)
171	13 December	1608	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33 (B)
172	13 December	1625	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (2)
173	14 December	0016	Eight persons were observed throwing rocks towards Israel in the vicinity of AOP PANO
174	14 December	0850	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 72
175	14 December	0936	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
176	14 December	1020	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 2
177	14 December	1059	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 264
178	14 December	1158	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
179	14 December	1206	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 72 (1)
180	14 December	1351	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33 (B)
181	14 December	1425	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 2
182	14 December	1653	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 29
183	15 December	0810	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66
184	15 December	0826	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 12 (1)
185	15 December	0844	14 Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 244
186	15 December	1110	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 2
187	15 December	1205	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 59
188	15 December	1210	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 4
189	15 December	1250	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 306
190	15 December	1459	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 28
191	15 December	1701	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
192	16 December	0800	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66
193	16 December	0815	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
194	16 December	1319	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
195	16 December	1334	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 5 CHEB
196	16 December	1445	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 29
197	16 December	2300	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
198	17 December	0640	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66
199	17 December	0719	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 67
200	17 December	0720	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
201	17 December	0945	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 31 (1)
202	17 December	0952	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 38 (3)
203	17 December	1146	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 5 CHEB
204	17 December	1303	Four civilians were observed throwing stones over the fence in the vicinity of B 92 (2)
205	17 December	1442	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
206	17 December	1500	20 civilians were observed throwing stones over the fence in the vicinity of B 93 (1)
207	17 December	1649	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
208	17 December	1854	15 civilians were observed throwing stones over the fence in the vicinity of TP 37 (1)
209	18 December	0822	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 71 (2)
210	18 December	1200	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 74 (1)
211	18 December	1234	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 6 Bastrah
212	18 December	1238	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 5 CHEB
213	18 December	1249	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33
214	18 December	1252	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 8/1 (1)

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
215	18 December	1311	Six Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AOP 6 Bastrah
216	18 December	1320	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 67
217	18 December	1320	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of TP 36 (2)
218	18 December	1425	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3 A
219	18 December	1443	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17
220	19 December	0648	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
221	19 December	1058	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 2
222	19 December	1418	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3 A
223	19 December	1430	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 74 (B)
224	19 December	1448	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 17 (1)
225	19 December	1708	Four armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 32
226	19 December	2206	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
227	20 December	0807	Eight Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 65
228	20 December	0927	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 60
229	20 December	1126	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 338
230	20 December	1155	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 18
231	20 December	1210	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
232	20 December	1256	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 46
233	20 December	1305	Nine Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 52 (3)
234	20 December	1326	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
235	20 December	1457	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17
236	20 December	1515	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
237	20 December	1614	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 32
238	20 December	1927	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
239	21 December	0745	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 64 (1)
240	21 December	0933	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 5 Bastrah
241	21 December	1104	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 17 (1)
242	21 December	1120	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 5 CHEB
243	21 December	1316	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 233
244	21 December	1430	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
245	21 December	1702	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 13 (1)
246	22 December	0650	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66 (1)
247	22 December	0700	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 38 (3)
248	22 December	0823	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 46
249	22 December	0840	Eight Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 44 (2)
250	22 December	0950	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66
251	22 December	1034	Six Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 4
252	22 December	1105	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 35 (2)
253	22 December	1225	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP OLD HELI
254	22 December	1238	10 Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 23 (1)
255	22 December	1302	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 2 (1)
256	22 December	1500	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 45 (1)
257	22 December	1530	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
258	22 December	2235	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
259	23 December	0710	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 38 (3)
260	23 December	0740	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 67
261	23 December	0905	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 8
262	23 December	1017	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 65
263	23 December	1141	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 5 CHEB
264	23 December	1210	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
265	23 December	1533	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 30
266	24 December	0650	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66
267	24 December	0750	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 31 (1)
268	24 December	0815	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 31
269	24 December	0925	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 30 (1)
270	24 December	0933	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 7/1
271	24 December	1057	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 22 (1)
272	24 December	1207	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 59
273	24 December	1207	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 8/1 (8)
274	24 December	1335	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 20
275	25 December	0915	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66 (1)
276	25 December	0929	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 65
277	25 December	1016	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
278	25 December	1019	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 59 (1)
279	25 December	1100	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 264
280	25 December	1110	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 56 (1)
281	25 December	1209	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 58 (1)
282	25 December	1231	Four armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 59
283	25 December	1256	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 74
284	25 December	1304	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 71 (2)

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
285	25 December	1351	Three civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
286	25 December	1358	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AP 15
287	25 December	1431	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 15 (2)
288	25 December	1631	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
289	26 December	0649	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 66
290	26 December	0730	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
291	26 December	0750	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 39 (2)
292	26 December	0906	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of AP 251
293	26 December	1015	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 42
294	26 December	1134	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 15 (2)
295	26 December	1200	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 20 (3)
296	26 December	1230	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 59
297	26 December	1259	Eight Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of Wazzani River
298	26 December	1314	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 31
299	26 December	1315	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 59 (1)
300	26 December	1400	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of AOP 5 CHEB
301	26 December	1406	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 52 (2)
302	26 December	1433	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 33 (B)
303	26 December	1457	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
304	26 December	1516	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 18
305	26 December	1544	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 65
306	27 December	0825	One Hizbullah militant was observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 64 (1)

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
307	27 December	0900	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
308	27 December	1300	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
309	27 December	1330	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 56
310	27 December	1441	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 18
311	27 December	2114	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
312	28 December	0712	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
313	28 December	0743	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 67
314	28 December	0833	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 33 (B)
315	28 December	1010	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 63 (1)
316	28 December	1017	Five Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 76 (1)
317	28 December	1124	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 34 (2)
318	28 December	1155	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
319	28 December	1208	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 64
320	28 December	1400	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 56 (1)
321	28 December	1450	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 7/1
322	28 December	1454	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
323	28 December	2124	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of M 9
324	29 December	0717	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 38 (3)
325	29 December	0839	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of TP 36 (1)
326	29 December	0925	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
327	29 December	0942	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of UNP 4–34
328	29 December	1050	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 64 (1)
329	29 December	1105	Three Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 2
330	29 December	1405	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 10/1
331	29 December	1430	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 56

Number	*Date*	*Time*	*Description*
332	29 December	1557	A group of persons was observed throwing rocks towards the technical fence and Israel Defense Forces soldiers in the vicinity of B 83 (1)
333	29 December	1557	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 30
334	29 December	1627	Three armed men were observed in the vicinity of BP 29 (1)
335	30 December	0715	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 33
336	30 December	0740	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of BP 30
337	30 December	0740	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66 (1) A
338	30 December	1109	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 39
339	30 December	1232	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 30
340	30 December	1244	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 10/1
341	30 December	1330	Four Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 35 (2)
342	30 December	1406	30 persons were observed throwing rocks towards the technical fence in the vicinity of B 83 (1)
343	30 December	1410	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of B 37 (1)
344	30 December	1506	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of BP 13
345	30 December	1550	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 65
346	31 December	0730	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 59
347	31 December	0822	Two armed men were observed IVO B 67
348	31 December	0828	One armed man was observed in the vicinity of B 66
349	31 December	1147	Two civilians were observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 3
350	31 December	1213	One civilian was observed crossing the Blue Line in the vicinity of AOP 6 Bastrah
351	31 December	1325	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 59 (1)
352	31 December	1440	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 22 (3)
353	31 December	1442	Two Hizbullah militants were observed performing a military recce in the vicinity of B 28
354	31 December	1625	Two armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 30
355	31 December	1651	Four armed men were observed in the vicinity of B 56
356	31 December	1717	A group of persons was observed throwing rocks towards the technical fence in the vicinity of B 31

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Identical letters dated 8 February 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to attach herewith identical letters addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council, in response to the United States allegations regarding the work of the Joint Investigative Mechanism and the fact-finding missions of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons with regard to the use of chemical weapons in Syria.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Bashar **Ja'afari**
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Letter from the National Commission for the Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention in response to United State allegations concerning the work of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism and OPCW Fact-Finding Missions on the use of chemical weapons in Syria

We are writing to you in response to the deliberate distortion of the facts contained in the letter dated 10 January 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2018/35). That letter contains allegations and accusations against Syria in relation to the work of the OPCW-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism and OPCW Fact-Finding Missions on the use of chemical weapons in Syria. We have the honour to convey to you the response of the National Commission for the Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention to the above-mentioned letter, which we have prepared in order to counter efforts to twist the truth and to set the record straight in the face of the distortions and misrepresentations of the facts contained in the non-paper submitted by the Mission of the United States of America.

We regret to say that the United States letter containing the allegations has adopted a systematically misleading approach that, with its conclusions that fly in the face of the most basic of scientific axioms, unwittingly does more of a disservice to the United States scientists and experts themselves than it does to Syria. The United States allegations contained in the United States non-paper are aimed solely at stirring up animosity towards the Syrian Arab Republic in any way possible, even at the expense of logic and scientific truth, with which one cannot play around. The allegations were made as part of the effort to defend the Joint Investigative Mechanism, which many have confirmed has not been objective, scientific or independent in its various reports. In particular, its seventh report was drafted by its authors in the service of the political agendas of States known for their hostility to Syria and sponsorship of armed terrorist groups. Chief among those States is the United States, and States such as France, which have habitually used such mechanisms in the service of their narrow political interests at the expense of the fates of peoples and fundamental issues.

The response of the National Commission to the allegations contained in the above-mentioned United States non-paper is as follows:

1. The traces of hexamine discovered in samples of sarin taken from Khan Shaykhun does not mean that the sarin was without a doubt Syrian-made, especially given that deliberate efforts are being made to implicate Syria. Anyone who wants to can produce sarin using a process similar to the Syrian method and add hexamine to it in order to give the impression that it is Syrian sarin. Hexamine is a substance that is not proscribed and available on the open market. It can be obtained easily and added to already manufactured sarin.

Syria has officially submitted its process for manufacturing sarin to OPCW. It is entirely possible that that manufacturing process was leaked to terrorist groups,

especially given the cases of violation of confidentiality in OPCW that have been acknowledged by that organization's own investigations.

With regard to the match with the results of the analysis of sarin samples from the Syrian stockpile by OPCW in 2014, we should like to inform you that the Syrian stockpile did not contain sarin. It contained only methylphosphonyl difluoriden (DF), which was sent outside the country. It should be noted that Syria has asked OPCW repeatedly for a report on the results of the analysis of the DF samples that were sent abroad, and for the results of the analysis of the DF on which the Investigative Mechanism based its final report. It has received no response in that regard. In order to produce sarin, it is enough to take a quantity of DF and mix it with isopropanol. Sarin can be produced that easily. As to the impurities that were mentioned in the Mechanism's report, they can occur when manufacturing DF by a process other than the Syrian process. There is, for example, a method using methyl iodide with trimethyl phosphate or with triisopropyl phosphate and then chlorinating it with thionyl chloride. In other words, the impurities present that were identified in the analysis report are not found only in the stockpiles of the Syrian Arab Republic, contrary to Mr. Mulet's statement that these impurities are a fingerprint of the Syrian stockpile.

With regard to the Libyan chemical arsenal, although the statement that a large portion of it has evaporated is made without any documentation or material evidence, the Western States have accepted that claim. How can we be certain that that those stocks were not smuggled to terrorists, who have been confirmed by the United Nations to possess and use chemical weapons. At the same time, OPCW refuses to accept that DF might have leaked out of two containers by accident.

2. The United States claims that the Syrian Government denied immediate access to the site, so instead, the Fact-Finding Mission used the methodology of interviewing witnesses at a safe location.

Observations:

This claim is pure fabrication. Syria was first to invite OPCW to visit both Shu'ayrat airfield and the location of the incident, and to begin an investigation immediately. It offered guarantees of safe access up until the last military checkpoint closest to the town of Khan Shaykhun. Syria believed that it was in its interest to uncover the circumstances surrounding the incident. The invitation was met with obfuscation and delay. It should also be noted that guarantees of safe access to the town of Khan Shaykhun were offered by the traitor Riyad Hijab. Moreover, one would assume that it would be logical and in the interest of the armed terrorist groups to facilitate access of the Mission to the alleged area where the injuries occurred rather than to obstruct it.

The presence of sarin in the samples taken by Damascus and provided to OPCW cannot be construed as proof that the Syrian Army was the party that used it (as was explained in point 1).

The United States Government bombarded Shu'ayrat airfield on the pretext that it was the base from which the aircraft that bombed Khan Shaykhun departed. That happened before any investigation was conducted. Therefore, it was obviously necessary to visit the base and take samples to determine whether the base was really used in that operation.

When the base was visited at a very late stage, the Mechanism interviewed officials there without bothering to take samples. The explanation for that is that samples taken from that base would have confirmed that there were no traces of sarin there, which would have given the lie to all the fabricated allegations that the United States used to justify its attack on Shu'ayrat airfield. Here, allow us to point out that

Syria has constantly been pressing the Mechanism to visit Khan Shaykhun and the airfield, and the Mechanism has refused to do so on security grounds.

Visiting the site of the incident would have been very important for identifying the mechanism that produced the explosion and the dispersal, and the area where the injuries occurred. All those factors are important in determining the cause of the incident. The Mechanism therefore failed to take into account all those factors, which it ought to have considered in the course of any scientific investigation based on facts and evidence. On the other hand, Syria does have evidence and deductions obtained from the site of the incident (the crater).

The United States maintains that the Fact-Finding Mission did not investigate Shu'ayrat airfield because it was not directly relevant to the issue of confirming whether chemical weapons had been used. That rationale is unacceptable because of the claim that the United States used as the basis for bombing the airfield. One cannot use the same argument in two contradictory contexts. Yet that same reasoning was used to bomb Shu'ayrat airfield.

3. The most important issue with respect to Khan Shaykhun is not whether or not sarin was used, but who used it and how it was used. All scientific evidence relating to the crater, its shape, wind direction and the area where the injuries occurred point to the conclusion that the crater is artificial and was not produced by an aerial bomb.

- The shape and depth of the crater, and the absence of an angle of incidence that would be consistent with the alleged bomb all indicate that the crater was not made by an aerial bomb. A 100 to 250 kg bomb dropped from a height of 3 to 4 km at a speed commensurate with that of an aircraft would have made a differently shaped crater, even if it did not explode.
- Remnants of an aerial bomb: The tail and the tip were not found, even though it would have been in the interests of the party making the allegation to preserve them in order to prove the allegation.
- All reliable bulletins on atmospheric conditions state that the wind at the time of the incident was blowing from south-west to north-east. However, the alleged area where the injuries occurred is west of the alleged crater, rather than to the east. Why did the Mechanism and others not ask themselves what caused the injuries to occur in a direction opposite to that of the wind? Did it not occur to them that perhaps there was another cause for the injuries and that the crater was created to cover up the real cause?
- Flight maps for that day show that Syrian aircraft were far away from the site of the incident. They were also on a flight path going from south to north. This has all been documented by global and local airlines. An aircraft cannot attack a target when it is five km away from that target and its flight path is not on track with the location of that target.
- The most important factor in the investigation would be the presence of material evidence and samples that would confirm the incident and its circumstances.
- The chain of custody for evidence is an essential element of the process of a judicial investigation.
- The lack of a secure chain of custody casts doubt on the credibility of the samples and evidence.
- It is evident that a proper chain of custody of evidence was not maintained by the Mechanism. The evidence was handed over to it in a neighbouring State. The principles of custody of evidence were not followed in terms of verifying the source, time and mode of transfer.

- It goes without saying that the evidence should have been collected by the Mechanism, which was charged with conducting the investigation. However, the fact that it was turned over the Mechanism by a terrorist faction belonging to the Nusrah Front certainly casts doubt on the extent of its credibility.

- The chain of custody, the witnesses produced and the samples were all provided by a terrorist group belonging to the Nusrah Front and at a location far from the site of the incident.

4. Out of its desire to uncover the true perpetrators, the Syrian Government managed under exceptional conditions to recover samples from the site of the incident. They were analysed, and the results of the analysis were submitted to the Mechanism as is, even though hexamine and sarin breakdown products were present. That can only be construed as an unequivocal sign of the credibility and transparency of the Syrian Government, and its lack of involvement in the incident. In order to produce sarin, it is enough to take a quantity of DF and mix it with isopropanol. Sarin can be produced that easily. As to the impurities mentioned in the Mechanism's report, it is possible for them to occur when manufacturing DF by a process different from the Syrian process. There is, for example, a method using methyl iodide with trimethyl phosphate or with triisopropyl phosphate and then chlorinating it with thionyl chloride. In other words, the impurities that were present and identified in the analysis report are not limited to the stockpiles of the Syrian Arab Republic.

5. It is one thing for the Mechanism to state that, in conducting its investigations, it followed a scientific approach and quite another for it to actually follow such an approach in a sober and pragmatic manner. In making that statement, the Mechanism has opened the doors wide to challenges to its methodology, analysis, data and the accuracy of its conclusions. Light has been and continues to be shed on a several of those conclusions by experts and specialists whose credibility with respect to methodology, analysis and assessment is far more reliable than that what we have detected in the report of the Mechanism. There are numerous experts from various States, including Western States such as the United States and Britain, whose published reports and studies have uncovered the fraudulent nature of allegations and conclusions such as those published in the report of the Mechanism. In particular, certain of those experts have used scientific methodologies stricter than those followed by the Mechanism, relying on theories, methodologies, probabilities and assumptions. They have refuted many of the premises relating to the very evidence on which the Mechanism relies, and have reached conclusions that are completely different from those reached by the Mechanism. That confirms the lack of professionalism in the work of the Mechanism and therefore the invalidity of the conclusions that it has reached with such a degree of "certainty", as it claims, and the correctness of the charge levelled against it that its investigation and analysis, and all the deductions stemming therefrom are spurious. In a case with such a high degree of importance, sensitivity and gravity as this, one must rely on certainty and arrive at a decisive answer to the questions raised rather than remaining satisfied with suspicion and conjecture.

6. The conclusion of the experts that the crater was consistent with the impact from a relatively large object travelling at high velocity is way off the mark. If that were the case, the crater would have been conical in shape and much deeper, the earth would presumably have been disturbed at the side, and the edges of the pavement would have looked different. The destruction and the immediate surroundings could be consistent with having been produced by a guided or an unguided bomb. As for the fragments, they would have been propelled at speed, but the tip, tail and other parts of the bomb ought to have been found next to the crater. Unfortunately, the Mechanism failed to look into that. In addition, according to Mr. Mulet, the experts examined the munition fragments observed in the crater, but he neither mentions why

the fragments themselves were not turned over to them for analysis, or why the observations made concerning the alleged fragments in our report were not taken into account. Where an aerial chemical system is used, the tail and mixing mechanism ought to be found in the place where it falls, even if at a distance of 300 metres, as Mr. Mulet supposes. Where, therefore, are these remnants? The absence of those remnants is something the Mechanism has failed to explain. Here, one cannot help but ask: How was the conclusion reached that that the large object was part of the casing of an aerial bomb measuring between 300 and 500 mm in diameter? This finding is uncalled for and mistaken. We think it is more likely to be part of a pipe with a relatively small diameter and not one of that size.

With regard to the incident at Lataminah on 30 March 2017, in comparing the two reports on the results of the analysis of samples taken from the village of Lataminah, we observe that the first report indicates the presence of sarin and its breakdown products, but does not mention the additional compounds diisopropyl fluorophosphate (DIPF), diisopropylphenyl (DIPP), hexafluoropropylene (HFP), isopropyl phosphorofluoridate (iPPF) or triphenylphosphine (TPP).

The second report was politicized and added "additional compounds" and "impurities" to the results of the analysis so that that it would match the report on the Khan Shaykhun samples, and support the accusation that, in their view, the Syrian Government used sarin produced using the Syrian method. It is therefore clear that the two reports contradict each other.

7. The victories on the ground being achieved by the Syrian Arab Army mean that it has no need to use weapons that would damage the reputation of Syria and its army. The ones employing those weapons against children and civilians are the armed fighters themselves, who are using them for their own well-known purposes. They would not be used when progress and successive victories are being achieved. Here we must answer the question of who benefits from such acts, in order to make the picture clear for the investigators and to guide the course of their work.

The Syrian Arab Republic hopes that it has provided the necessary scientific clarifications, with a view to correcting the misleading allegations that are in the United States letter. It reiterates that Syria has not used toxic chemical substances against its people, even in the fiercest of the battles it has waged against its murderous terrorist enemies, and that it will not do so. That is in keeping with our belief that there is no justification for the use of such weapons in any time, circumstance or place. We must also note that the United States of America is in no moral position to take other States to task for not complying with conventions prohibiting the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction at a time when it has just announced a new nuclear strategy that emphasizes an enhanced policy of nuclear deterrence. Such a policy goes against all international instruments and norms, and threatens humanity with destruction.

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